

# The Quaker Quill



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## FREEDOM!

The dictionary defines freedom as the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. We are blessed to live in a country where we do have many freedoms. And this month of July is when we celebrate and give thanks for these privileges.

Probably the most important freedom of all is the right to choose to believe in the Triune God or not. It is the underpinning of all our other freedoms. Without the choice and freedom to claim Christ as Lord and Savior and God the Father as Almighty God and the Holy Spirit as our guide, counselor and supporter, faith would have no meaning. For to be compelled to believe is not a belief. And to be forbidden to believe is a violation of who we are as the Children of God. Love of God is only love when it is given freely. It is from this freedom to love that we chose to follow Christ. It is from this freedom to love God that we seek to "Welcome All, Serve Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, Transform Lives."

May all of us reflect with thanksgiving and praise the freedoms we have as we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the entire month of July. And may we make daily choices that reflect our Love of the Triune God as we interact with others and even ourselves.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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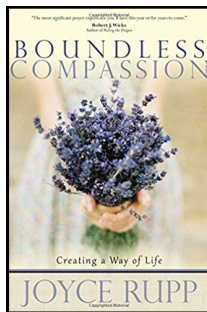
YOU ARE INVITED TO A DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FOR SENIORS!

Join Pastor Nancy Tuesday, July 9 at 11:00 AM in the Library. Your input is important as we seek to find additional ways to make use of our wonderful facility. Bring your recommendations and ideas for programs that would be helpful and interesting for you and folks like you. Please email [office@QMPC.org](mailto:office@QMPC.org) to RSVP.



### New Bible Study starting July 10

*Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life*, by Joyce Rupp. This is a practical, no-nonsense invitation & challenge to allow God to transform our lives. Come be inspired and grow deeper in your walk with God. The study consists of individual daily meditations and weekly discussion as a group. To register, email Christine at [office@qmpc.org](mailto:office@qmpc.org).



### Lunch Bunch

Join Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, July 17th** at Olive Garden, 4038 Wards Road at 11:30 a.m. for food, fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please let us know if you can join us by contacting Linda Jennings by Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> by calling 525-5423 or by email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).

### Young at Heart

Young at Heart takes a break for the months of June, July and August. We are currently working behind the scenes to come up with



an exciting and enjoyable line up of programs for the September 2019 - May 2020 season. Our first meeting is September 26 and we already have that program confirmed. Have a great summer and STAY TUNED. Make your plans to join us the 4th Thursday of each month (with the exception of Nov. & Dec. when we meet the 3rd Thursday). Looking forward to an exciting Young at Heart season.

### Book Club- New date this month!

During June, book club read *The Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen. Since our book club normally meets the first Thursday of the month, it falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will meet **Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. to talk about *The Tuscan Child*. That also gives everyone a little more time to read the book!

The book for August is *All We Ever Wanted* by Emily Giffin. Read it so you are prepared to join us **Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** to discuss it. Everyone is welcome to join us! For any questions contact Linda Jennings at 525-5423 or by email at [lcjenn805@gmail.com](mailto:lcjenn805@gmail.com).

# Christian Education



The next Sunday School Breakfast will be held on July 14 beginning at 8:45. This is an Intergenerational Lesson and all are invited to attend. Thank you to those who joined us for breakfast in June. We had 30 people in attendance. Please sign up in the Narthex.

## Calling All Adults for “Adult VBS”!

From the time before Babel to why Babel matters today, the Adult Bible School will follow a discussion that tackles the following questions plus many more.

1. How has culture conditioned us to separate people by differences?
2. How do we explain diversity in humanity from a biblical perspective?
3. What is significant about the origin of the human race when it comes to relating to other people who are different from us?
4. How do we tend to look at people in comparison to how God sees them?

The Adult Bible Study will be taking place during VBS between 7:00 and 8:00 pm. You are free to come for the opening and closing Assembly Time to learn about the daily challenges and where the children will be travelling to around the world each day. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office to register.



**VBS is July 28- August 1**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**

## SESSION MEETING

### Highlights from the June 2019 Session Meeting:

- A Safety Task Force was created and approved. Those on the task force are: Tim Roach, John Lanier, Phyllis Beilfus and Sam Leslie. (Nancy Dawson, ex-officio)
- A revised Adult Choir Director Position Description was presented and approved.
- Property Task force presented their findings. A Capitol Campaign for raising up to \$250,000 for improvements was presented and approved.
- Approved \$795 from Memorial Fund for installing handrails at the chancery steps.
- A session retreat will be July 19-20 at Eagle Eyrie. Spending \$95 for meals & 1 nights lodging was approved. The agenda will be reviewing data collected during the discernment process and identifying priorities for the church for the next 3 years.
- We are now allowed to send 2 commissioners from QMPC to the Presbytery meetings. Approved Neal Gibson to attend in August, and Nikki Kariuki to attend in November.
- Discussion of serving communion to shut-ins was held and a plan was established.



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. The Missions Committee would like to share that we appreciate the feedback we got from the various task force groups that were put together to examine our church's past, present and future possibilities. There is a lot of love in this church that we would like to share with our community to let them know

who we are as we get to know them as well.

Missions involves the entire congregation in many ways, whether done in house, in the community or internationally. The mutualistic relationship of giving and receiving is a wonderful balance in nature that we are striving to achieve. There are different opportunities being discussed in the committee that will be presented to Session during the retreat so we can share them with you, to build on what we already have going on right now.

Thank you for your support in prayer, finance, work, time and donations.

**Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.**

### **Haiti Shoe & Sock Challenge**

Let's help stock our Haiti elementary kids with shoes & socks! They need dress shoes for kids in K through 6th grade, sizes 5-12.





# Community Garden Update

## Beyond the veggies...



On a beautiful Monday evening a gathering of gardeners of all ages worked together to pick beans, cabbage, kale, zucchini, squash and dill. Some had reminisced about picking beans in their younger years and what they are called in different regions, while for others it was the first time doing it and they learned from those working next to them. Jokes were made, pictures were taken, produce was packaged and weighed and delivered to the Salvation Army. In 25 minutes we picked almost 97lbs of food that will feed others in our community over several meals. What a blessing of many hands working on a common goal of showing Christ's love to those in need.

**Matthew 14:16 But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."**

### Kroger Community Rewards

You can earn money for missions when you register your Kroger Plus card. Here is how to do it:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com>, under **Savings & Rewards**, select **Kroger Community Rewards**

- If you have NOT signed up your Kroger Plus card online before, you will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and your Kroger Plus card. Give it a 24 - 48 hrs and then try to enroll.
- You can also call Kroger customer service. **Make sure you have your Kroger Plus card handy because they will need the number on the back of the card.** 1-800-KROGERS (1-800-576-4377) and select option 3. Tell the agent you want to enroll your Kroger Plus card in the community rewards program. Specify that your rewards go to **Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church NPO # HH690.**
- If you have signed up your Kroger Plus card online before, once logged into your Kroger account, search for **Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church either by name or HH690** and then click Enroll.



If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, please go to the customer service desk at any Kroger and they will help you get one.

**Donations given 08-Mar-2019 to 31-May-2019 by 14 households**

**Total \$ 85.43**

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10 am S.R. Writers  11am Centering Prayer	4 Office closed  	5 Office closed	6
7 9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service	8 10 am Art Class	9 9 am ROMEOS 10 am Cemetery Meeting 11 am Senior Program discussion	10 10 am Bible Study  11am Centering Prayer	11 3 pm Communion at Valley View	12	13
← <b>High School Youth at Montreat</b> →						
14 9 am Sunday School Breakfast  10:00 am Worship Service	15 10 am Art Class	16 9 am ROMEOS  6:30 pm VBS Volunteer Training	17 10 am Bible Study 10 am S.R. Writers 11am Centering Prayer 11:30 pm Lunch Bunch 5:30 pm Endowment Meeting	18	19 Session Retreat	20 Session Retreat
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